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FM AMCONSUL PARAMARIBO

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INFO AMEMBASSY GEORGETOWN

C O N F I D E N T I A L PARAMARIBO 0460

EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: ETRN

SUBJ: PAN AM TO SUSPEND SERVICE

REF: PARAMARIBO 425; PARAMARIBO 236, SEPT 1972;

PARAMARIBO 080, 1971

1. SUMMARY. PAN AM HAS INFORMED ME THAT IT IS PETITIONING CAB TO SUSPEND SERVICE TO PARAMARIBO EFFECTIVE JANUARY 7. I STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT CAB REJECT THIS PETITION AND THAT INSTEAD PUN AM BE ENCOURAGED TO REDUCE ITS SERVICE. END SUMMARY.

2. LOCAL PAN AM ACTING MANAGER HAS RELAYED TO ME MESSAGE FROM PAN AM REGIONAL MANAGER MIAMI INFORMING THAT ON DECEMBER 11 COMPANY FILING WITH CAB INTENT SUSPEND OPERATIONS TO PARAMARIBO EFFECTIVE JANUARY 7, 1974 FOR MINIMUM PERIOD ONE YEAR "DUE INTERNATIONAL FUEL CRISIS FORCE MAJEURE". MESSAGE REQUESTS I NOTIFY "PRESENT" FUTURE SURINAM GOVERNMENT AND ADVISE PAN AM OF THEIR REACTIONS".

3. I AM FRANKLY RELUCTANT TO PERFORM THIS SERVICE FOR PAN AM BUT WILL NOTIFY PRIME MINISTER SEDNEY AND PASS ON HIS REACTIONS TO LOCAL PAN AM REPRESENTATIVE. BELIEVE IT NEITHER NECESSARY NOR PROPER FOR ME TO CONTACT "FUTURE GOVERNMENT" AND WILL LEAVE IT TO SEDNEY TO DO SO, IF HE WISHES.

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4. REACTION PRESENT GOS, WHICH NOW IN LAST WEEKS OR EVEN DAYS

OF OFFICE, IS LIKELY TO BE MILD. IN FACT, THERE IS GOOD REASON TO BELIEVE THAT THIS GOVERNMENT WILL NOT LIFT A FINGER TO LESSEN THE PROBLEMS WHICH THE NEW GOVERNMENT WILL INHERIT.

5. THE PUBLIC REACTION, HOWEVER, AND THE REACTION OF THE NEW GOVERNMENT, IS LIKELY TO BE HIGHLY UNFAVORABLE. IT IS PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE THAT PAN AM HAS ATTEMPTED TO SUSPEND SERVICE TO PARAMARIBO ON AT LEAST TWO OTHER OCCASIONS DURING RECENT YEARS. THIS, TOGETHER WITH THE FACT THAT NO OTHER AIRLINE SERVICING PARAMARIBO HAS ANNOUNCED ANY CUTS IN SERVICE, LET ALONE SUSPENSION, LEAVES IMPRESSION THAT FUEL CRISIS IS MERELY A SUBTERFUGE. THOSE IN THE KNOW ARE ALREADY ASKING WHY, IF FUEL CRISIS IS THE CAUSE, PAN AM DOESN'T REDUCE SERVICE FROM PRESENT TWO DOWN TO ONE FLIGHT PER WEEK. THIS IMPRESSION, WHICH I CONFESS I SHARE, IS HARMFUL TO THE U.S. IMAGE, AND PARTICULARLY TO IMAGE OF U.S. BUSINESS. OTHER ARGUMENTS AGAINST SUSPENSION ARE CONTAINED IN REFERENCES.

6. I STRONGLY URGE THAT THE CAB REFUSE PAN AM'S PETITION REGARDING SURINAM AND THAT PAN AM BE ADVISED THAT IT CONSIDER THE OPTION OF REDUCING RATHER THAN SUSPENDING SERVICE.  
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